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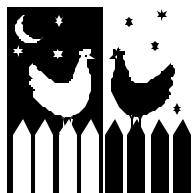
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices in the Midwest were trending unchanged to higher, mostly unchanged elsewhere. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady. Demand was moderate at best for retail, fair to good for food service entering the weekend and expected to increase for Mother's Day. Supplies of smaller sizes were adequate to well cleared, heavier weights were at least adequate. In the parts structure, breast items were balanced to tight and moving well. Dark meat was sufficient and clearing, and supplies of wings were at least adequate and increasing with light movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were in a full range, but mostly desirable.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 05/14-05/19/01 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A (Including branded product)			COMPOSITE	
AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	50.00-55.00	50.00-65.50	53.12	25
Los Angeles	68.00			
New York	51.00-53.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	62.50-63.50	50.50-66.00	63.15	82

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 63.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
644	59.40-64.25	62.82
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	209.00	1,213
BREASTS - B/S	144.50	3,818
BREASTS - WHOLE	81.00	1,058
THIGH MEAT - B/S	97.50	730
LEG QUARTERS	29.00	7,888
WINGS	103.00	2,703

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority for next week's trading into the Chicago area was unchanged to 1 cent higher from last Monday's final. Trade sentiment on whole fryers was steady to fully steady. Offerings of additional product were generally balanced with smaller sizes well cleared. Retail movement was irregular, mostly moderate at best. Food service demand was in a full range with expectations for weekend movement mixed. Floor stocks were adequate to long with sizes desirable to heavy. Trading on parts items was best for breast items and slow to moderate overall. Supplies were adequate with whole breasts well cleared and buyers and sellers haggling over the value of boneless/skinless breasts and wings. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on whole breasts and about steady on all other items.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was seasonally fair to moderate, best for retail ads and promotions with increased interest expected over Mother's Day weekend. Supplies were usually sufficient for trade needs. In the parts structure, breast items were in good balance and moving well. Dark meat was mixed, mostly adequate, with fair movement, and wings were at least sufficient with light demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Reported trading for next week's deliveries on regular commitments at unchanged prices, new negotiations were unchanged to generally higher. Offerings remained in close position on small sizes and heavy weights easily adequate to cover current needs. Buying activity improved. Retail demand fairly good to very good by restaurants best to cover Mother's Day weekend needs stores moderate overall best where featured. Dealers anticipated good weekend clearances. Ads noted: Southern California - whole body 69-89, whole cut-up 87, boneless breasts 178-499, boneless thigh meat 148-349, boneless leg meat 138-149, split breasts 88-127, leg quarters 49-78, wings 99, thighs 87-169, drumsticks 87-169 5# bag 295 Northern California - whole body 119, boneless breasts 179-399, drumsticks 129, thighs 129; Arizona - boneless breasts 299-419, leg quarters 79, drumsticks 69-139, thighs 69-139.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderate to fairly good entering the holiday weekend. Offerings of the 3.5 pound and larger sized birds had moved into a better balanced position, and the 2.5 to 3 pound weights were closely cleared. Movement into retail and distributive channels ranged fair to moderate. The market tone was steady to fully steady. In the parts structure, boneless-skinless breasts were generally adequate, and bone-in breasts were in good balance. Dark meat cuts were clearing well with continued export interest noted. Wings were at least adequate and readily available at some locations.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as moderate to good entering the Mothers' Day weekend and the bulk of seller offerings were in good balance to well cleared. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were light to heavy, mostly desirable. Processing schedules were moderately heavy and included some operations slated for Saturday. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 53 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady. In the parts complex, breast items were adequate to tight. Legs, leg quarters and drums generally cleared well. Thighs were irregularly available. Wings were ample.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	50-72
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	56.75
NO. OF BOXES	13,411
CUMULATIVE	05/07/01-05/11/01 56.38
	05/08/00-05/12/00 58.33
NO. OF BOXES	05/07/01-05/11/01 64,394
	05/08/00-05/12/00 37,734

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

MAY 10

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

MAY 11

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	WEEKLY	
	(000)	RANGE			(000)	RANGE			(000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	722	125.00-215.00	145-149	147.21	881	125.00-215.00	143-147	144.84	4,189	143.19
TENDERLOINS	160	145.00-235.00	150-155	164.03	165	145.00-235.00	150	159.70	763	161.20
BREAST - LINE RUN	127	74.00-83.00	75-78	75.55	91	74.00-80.00	-	78.97	554	75.47
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				358	77.37
LEGS	127	40.50-48.00	41-42	41.39	130	40.00-48.00	41-43	41.54	696	41.90
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	395	25.00-28.00	26-27	26.58	500	25.00-28.00	26-27	26.24	2,042	26.47
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,531	27.00-30.00	28-30	28.95	1,552	27.00-30.00	28-30	28.81	7,869	28.79
WINGS (WHOLE)	289	99.00-104.00	100-102	102.62	300	99.00-103.00	100-102	101.81	1,386	102.45
WINGS (CUT)	691	112.00-125.00	114-116	117.82	652	113.00-124.00	115-118	117.43	3,909	119.06
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				TFEWR	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				TFEWR	
B/S THIGHS	46	93.00-97.00	-	96.13	46	93.00-97.00	-	96.13	230	96.05

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR MAY 10, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**RANGE****AVERAGE**

49.00 - 55.25

52.33

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR MAY 11, 2001 F.O.B. DOCK.

TODAY'S**RANGE****AVERAGE****5-DAY****AVERAGE**

48.50 - 55.50

51.87

51.92

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying activity was mostly moderate entering the holiday weekend as most dealers had limited purchases today noting floorstocks at fully sufficient levels. Boneless skinless breasts were generally adequate, and bone-in breasts were adequate to balanced. Legs and leg quarters continued to clear well. Wings were at least adequate and increasingly available. Movement through retail and distributive channels was mostly moderate to fairly good at times. The market tone was steady on breast and dark meat items, no better than steady on wings.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

MAY 10 ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS		CURRENT NEG		WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	MAY 11 WEEKLY	
	TRADING*					TRADING*				WTD AVG	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	145-150		147.35	761,040		145-150	148.07	757,120		144.46	3,475,080
TENDERLOINS	135-140		143.35	168,840		135-140	144.50	146,720		143.70	739,400
BREAST - WITH RIBS	75-76		81.22	372,120		75-76	81.29	320,480		79.24	1,671,060
BREAST - LINE RUN	75		78.40	224,000		75	79.88	236,240		77.42	967,240
LEGS	39-40		43.73	359,440		40-41	44.64	262,600		42.74	1,442,220
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30		30.39	638,402		29-30	30.54	454,583		29.79	3,094,053
DRUMSTICKS	36-37		43.57	165,380		36-37	43.81	180,910		42.78	854,910
THIGHS	37-38		43.56	123,330		37-38	43.82	131,460		42.55	669,160
B/S THIGHS	88-89		91.42	68,440		88-89	91.74	71,520		91.50	333,610
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101		106.16	371,120		100-101	106.99	382,360		107.17	1,880,720
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12		12.36	104,720		10-12	12.07	110,320		12.10	502,680
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35		39.25	78,680		30-35	38.29	108,760		39.08	425,585
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45		44.67	124,080		40-45	44.89	146,720		44.71	625,270

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		AVG WTS	
	05/11	05/10	05/09	05/08	05/09	05/08	05/04	05/02
ALA	3,897	3,951	3,784	3,853	5.07	5.07	4,567	5.15
ARK	5,363	5,083	4,904	4,876	4.97	5.00	6,069	4.91
DELMARVA	2,432	2,353	2,319	2,290	5.07	5.15	2,364	5.07
KY-LA-TN	1,957	2,008	2,006	2,009	4.52	4.55	2,161	4.39
MISS	3,307	2,820	2,751	2,858	5.08	5.19	2,887	5.16
NC	2,735	2,657	2,638	2,625	6.08	6.01	2,814	5.95
TEXAS	2,339	2,339	2,360	2,325	4.80	4.97	1,947	4.88
TOTAL	22,030	21,211	20,762	20,836	5.09	5.14	22,809	5.09

MON-FRI 106,938(A)

106,104(A)

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 11 and 12-May-01 is estimated to be 32,959,000 up 5.73 percent from a week ago and down 0.2 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,173,000; last year 33,025,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 12-May-01 is estimated to be 154,442,000 head down 1.6 percent from a week ago, and down 1.7 percent from a year ago (Last week 157,022,000 Last year 157,176,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
(L.A. AREA)**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	84-86
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	81
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 102
	ICE PACK 94-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 104-121
	DRY PACK 123
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 96
	DRY PACK 123
DUCKS	152-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending Apr 28, 2001 (Preliminary),

(A) Fast food/ (B) Retail (C) Deboning
Food service
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up

	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	35,934	21,465	49,248
Avg Weight	3.81	4.71	6.01
% of total /1	34%	20%	46%
COMPARISONS			
Last week	33,242	26,081	46,381
Avg Weight	3.83	4.73	5.99
% of total /1	31%	25%	44%
Same week, yr ago /2	33,219	33,210	49,028
Avg Weight	3.77	4.81	6.09
% of total /1	29%	29%	42%
To date/2001	551,641	440,369	752,879
To date/2000	561,347	540,519	690,464

1/ May not total to 100% due to rounding.

2/ Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 05-May-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	-----THOUSANDS-----				
HEAD	157,022 (A)	1,754	1,400	3,154	504
AVG WT	5.02	3.38	7.73	5.31	6.68
LAST WEEK	156,893	1,791	1,396	3,187	492
SAME WK YR AGO	156,250	2,124	1,403	3,527	408
AVG WT	5.10	3.36	8.11	5.25	6.76
TO-DATE/2001	2,707,786	33,259	23,811	57,070	9,014
TO-DATE/2000	2,761,739	36,750	24,709	61,459	8,117

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 158.5 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 158.9 million head or 0.4 million head more than or 100 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: MAY 08, 2001

	RANGE		RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	1.14 - 1.22	Silkie	3.50 - 5.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.00 - 1.12	Geese	
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.50 - .94	9-14 LBS	.30 - .44
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.80 - 1.34	Pigeons	2.50 - 3.25ea.
Crossbred Fowl		Rabbits	
5-9 LBS	.80 - 1.32	4-6 LBS	1.20 - 1.58
Crossbred Roosters		Rabbits	
4-6 LBS	.40 - 1.10	7-11 LBS	1.10 - 1.38
Crossbred Roosters		Bunnies	.50 - 4.00ea.
7-11 LBS	.40 - 1.00	Guinea Pigs	.50 - 3.50ea.
Guinea Fowl	2.10 - 2.35	Goats	50.00 - 105.00ea.
Banty Roosters	3.00 - 6.50ea.	Kid Goats	20.00 - 38.00ea.
Banty Hens	2.50 - 4.00ea.	Doves	6.00 - 7.00ea.
Leghorn Hens	.24 - .32	Pullets 4-6 LBS	.60 - .84
Leghorn Roosters	.30 - .44		
		Total Coops Sold	618

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 07-MAY-2001

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	122-126	123-127
MOSTLY	122-124	123-125

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

RANGE	MOSTLY	
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	62-69	68-69
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-85	65-75

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices remained unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was usually moderate to at times fairly good. Sizes were desirable and slaughter schedules were full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$5.00-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.38, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, livers at \$.50-1.50, and feet at \$.90-1.15. NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 07-MAY-2001

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	121-123	124
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
MARCH	31 152.1	150.5	101	5.02
APRIL	7 155.7	150.1	104	4.92
	14 145.8	151.5	96	4.96
	21 153.1	153.5	100	5.11
	28 158.8	156.2	102	5.00
MAY	5 158.9	158.5	100	5.02
YEAR TO DATE	2740.7	2721.7	101	
MAY	12	159.1		
	19	157.9		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

	-----THOUSANDS-----				
W/E	05/12/01	05/07/01	% CHG	05/13/00	% CHG
Broilers	154,442	157,022	-02	157,176	-02
Cattle	724	693	+04	713	+02
Hogs	1,793	1,778	+01	1,767	+01
Under Federal Inspection					
* ACTUAL					

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL Prices were unchanged on lights but heavy canners were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Offerings ranged from about adequate to fully adequate with demand fair but unaggressive. The undertone was generally steady with some caution.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
23.5-25 MAJORITY	33.5-39 MAJORITY 33.5-38

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
24-27.5 MAJORITY 24-25	34-40 MAJORITY 34-38

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices were unchanged. Demand was slow but slightly improved for ample to burdensome offerings. Processing schedules although slightly increased for next week were still less than normal to normal. Sales of canners continue to clear the offerings or availability of product. The market tone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate to ample offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were reduced to offset a slow finished product demand. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Offerings continue more than ample for current needs. Many producers continue to seek other methods of disposal outside of slaughter operations for their spent fowl. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment about steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked moderate to heavy schedules. Offerings somewhat spotty but overall ample.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

<u>HEAVY</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
<u>LIGHT</u>	<u>RANGE</u>	<u>MAJORITY</u>
Eastern Light	0-0	(1)
Eastern Light	0-0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0	(2)
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was fair for fully adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were reported as normal to heavy. Finished product supplies were usually sufficient for full trade needs. The undertone was mostly steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate for adequate or better offerings of heavy hens. Schedules were normal for a fair call on finished product. Trade sentiment was generally steady.

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